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Memo from DCI to Dir. ID, WDGS dated 11 April 1947 same subject.

Draft memo to Advisor for Management, ICAPS.
Subj: Transfer of SDS and GMDS: Allocation of Functions within CIG, with three appendices.

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SUBJECT: Transfer of SDS and GMDS to CIG

1. The Advisor for Management, ICAPS, has requested that representatives of OO, ORE, and OCD discuss the problems incident to the transfer of GMDS and SDS to CIG, and submit a memorandum indicating agreement upon the procedures to be followed and on the allocation of the functions of GMDS/SDS to the appropriate offices within CIG.
2. The Assistant Director for Operations, designated by the Director of Central Intelligence as his representative to coordinate with the Intelligence Division in arranging for the transfer, submits the attached draft of the above memorandum for your consideration and concurrence. A conference for further discussion of the paper may be scheduled at your convenience.
3. The date of transfer of GMDS/SDS to CIG has been postponed from 31 May to 29 June 1947, in order to allow time for the security clearance of the personnel to be transferred. The Deputy Director of Intelligence, WDGS has orally approved the new date of transfer.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Advisor for Management, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Transfer of SDS and GMDS: Allocation of Functions within CIG

*Submitted
by [unclear]
for discussion*

1. By agreement with the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, the existing intelligence functions of GMDS and SDS will be assumed by Central Intelligence Group on or after ~~31 May 1947~~ *30 June 3*
2. Physical custody of all captured German documents, which are jointly owned by the United States and Great Britain, will be transferred from the Intelligence Division, WDGS, to the Adjutant General 31 May 1947. Captured documents returned from the European Theater in the future will be received and controlled by the Adjutant General. All documents will be available for screening and exploitation by the Central Intelligence Group, but title to them will remain with the War Department.
3. The present intelligence functions of GMDS are outlined in Appendix I: the archival and library functions hitherto performed by this section are not included in detail, since these will transferred to the Adjutant General. The present functions of SDS are shown in Appendix II. A War Dept. statement of functions and status of current SDS/GMDS projects is attached as Appendix III.
4. Since certain of the ~~intelligence~~ ^{info} operations now performed by GMDS and SDS are normally the responsibility of different offices within the Central Intelligence Group, the following plan for the allocation of functions and personnel has been agreed on by authorized representatives of the Office of Operations, Office of Reports and Estimates and Office of Collection and Dissemination.

- a. (1) All functions directly concerned with the processing, translating and exploiting of foreign documents for intelligence purposes will be assumed by the Office of Operations, Documents Branch. All ~~mechanical~~ *utilization* exploitation files, indexes, records and linguist personnel from

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SDS and GMDS will be transferred to and integrated with the Documents Branch.

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which will continue the strictly documentary project.

functions currently assigned to GMDS and SDS.

(2) Future projects and priorities for production of Intelligence information will be determined by the Office of Collection and Dissemination in close coordination with the Office of Reports and Estimates.

b. The functions of inter-agency coordination and liaison will be assumed by the Office of Collection and Dissemination, delegated by them to Documents Branch, or handled according to the procedures already authorized for the latter by Memorandum of 31 December 1946.

Subject: Control and Functions of the Washington Documents Center.

The Office of Collection and Dissemination will authorize direct contact between Documents Branch and the Adjutant General for the purposes of screening and exploiting captured documents and advising the War Department as to the disposition of European documents of intelligence value. The Office of Collection and Dissemination will determine policies and channels in regard to incoming requests for information and the distribution of translations, index cards, and other publications now issued by SDS and GMDS through War Department channels.

c. ~~The~~ Functions ~~not directly connected with foreign documents, such as~~
~~the permanent~~ maintenance of the Industrial Card File, (which has been established on an inter-agency basis and includes information from other sources) ~~and such evaluation and circulation of industrial information from other than documentary sources as has been done by SDS~~
~~will be taken over by the appropriate branch of the Office of Reports and Estimates.~~ ^{and} ~~at such time~~ Documents Branch will continue to extract and collate pertinent information from foreign documents for ~~eventual evaluation and inclusion in the ICF by the Office of Reports and Estimates.~~

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Two complete sets of ICF cards will immediately be provided to the Office of Reports and Estimates, ~~one for study and evaluation, and one for the Reference Branch~~ ~~one for indexing and integration with their IBM operations.~~ *In the interim* during the period of transfer and until such time as the Office of Reports and Estimates is prepared to assume the responsibility for the overall maintenance of the ICF Documents Branch will carry on this function of SDS, subject to the limitations in paragraph b above. The Office of Reports and Estimates will coordinate closely with the Office of Operations on procedures to be established for this and other specific projects of SDS and GMDS to be continued permanently or temporarily by Documents Branch.

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